



County fine-tunes STR ord, OKs Trinidad permit

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HUMBOLDT – The county is using an adaptive management approach as its Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance is implemented, allowing permitted exceptions and approving amendments.

An exception to the ordinance's STR "neighborhood concentration" threshold and amendments to the ordinance were approved at the Feb. 6 county planning commission meeting.

The exception is for a single family home in the Trinidad area. Located on Alder Lane, a road just east of U.S. Highway 101 that serves four residences, the home has an attached garage for parking and will be initially hosted by a caretaker.

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Water bubbling up from deteriorating pipes on Stewart Avenue.

CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO



Arcata's leaky water pipes will take millions to fix

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ARCATA – Presently awash in water from recent rains, Arcata is facing another imminent inundation – and not just from sea level rise. The new, worsening water worries are welling up from within, along the city's 89 miles of water pipes.

As always, the solution is to throw money at the problem, and it's going to take a lot of it –about \$14.5 million at current estimates. But costs are rising rapidly, grants aren't available to offset costs and the city's ability to borrow money is deeply constrained.

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TEA FOR TWO Tamara Wolski and Rabia O'Loren enjoy tea at Sunday's Valentine's Day Tea at the Phillips House Museum, 71 E. 7th St. arcatahistory.org

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Humboldt's budget trending negative

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HUMBOLDT – A "status quo" budget is being drafted for Humboldt County, with no room for the post-approval funding departments usually rely on to balance their budgets.

It's the middle of the fiscal year and at its Feb. 4 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved staff recommendations as a lean 2025-26 budget is drafted.

The current year's budget was approved with a \$15 million deficit but that's been brought down to \$10 million due to a mix of savings and one-time revenue increases.

But spending of the General Fund, which pays for county services, is still surpassing revenues by about \$20 million and salary and benefit increases will pressure the coming year's flat-lined budget.

One of the approved recommendations is to forgo the customary

practice of allowing departments to request what's known as "supplemental" funding.

The coming fiscal year's budget will be approved at the end of June. County Sheriff Billy Honsal noted that "every single department is cut to its core" and he doesn't want to de-fund staff positions "especially when we're asking for more public safety for our communities."

He said he wants to be able to

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OBITUARY

Jay Anthony Brown, Feb. 9, 1947 – Jan. 23, 2025

Our friend and brother Jay passed away peacefully on Jan. 23, 2025 at his home in Manila, California.

Jay was born in Oakland, California, and raised in Hayward. Jay's father passed away when Jay was seven. He and his younger brother Jim were raised by their mother, Charlotte and loving grandparents. Jay's mother emphasized music, nature, film and most of all art. Jay and his brother Jim would spend many days at the Hayward Library drawing everything and anything.

Their father was a calligrapher, carpenter, and jack of all trades and their mother was also a skilled artist and musician.

Jay excelled in school,

he ran cross-country and track and was an accomplished saxophone player. After high school Jay enlisted in the Navy and graduated at the top of his class in boot camp as a sonar man.

He was awarded a presidential citation for finding a downed helicopter in the bay of Tonkin. He served on the Destroyer USS Orleck DD886 and mine sweeper USS Leadwreath MOS490. With the GI bill in hand, Jay attended Chabot College with an interest in calligraphy and printing. He then searched for the best art department in the state, and found Humboldt State University and Bill Anderson, a graphic arts professor at HSU. Jay excelled in college and graduated Magna Cum laude with a major in Art and a minor in Biology.

Jay met his wife Marcia at Humboldt State University in 1972. Jay was in the graphics department and Marcia was becoming a registered nurse. Their relationship was enhanced by Jay's love and knowledge of organic vegetable gardening, hiking, backpacking, keen sense of wildlife habitat, bird watching, Shakespeare, the Ashland music festival, and family trips to Tahoe. Jay and



Marcia had two children together, Amelia and Marcio.

Jay, friends Bill Ferry and Jim Test, formed the printing business Bug Press in Arcata. Great printing and great times ensued, and Bug Press is still in business today. Jay's brother Jim was a regular visitor to Humboldt County and they enjoyed playing softball together on the Brain Police, Arcata Muffler and many other teams.

Jay was also very proud of helping build and pilot several Kinetic Sculpture machines with his good friend Stock Schlueter, and very proud to be a Humboldt County artist. Thanks to Jay, his brother also became a permanent resident of Humboldt County, raised a family and still calls this special spot home.

Jay was hired by Humboldt State University to become the school's graphic artist. All of the

preview posters, books, teaching aids and printed material had Jay's touch during his work at the college.

After 25 years and a well deserved retirement, Jay began a new chapter. Thanks to his good friend Bill Chino he was allowed studio space in return for handyman work at the Jacoby Storehouse. Jay drew and painted every day, joined the Redwood Art Association and had many shows up of his work, sometimes three at a time.

At 77 he was still climbing up to the roof of the Jacoby Storehouse to put up Christmas decorations, and loved helping to put up the enormous Christmas tree each year.

Jay and his brother Jim took yearly road trips together, usually with a mechanical theme. Their favorite trip was to the vintage car week in Monterey, and the crown jewel was the Monterey

Historic races at Laguna Seca raceway where they could not only see the best classic machinery in the world, but hear their incredible sounds and watch them used as they were designed.

Jay's favorite spot in the whole world was at turn 8, the famous corkscrew, top of the hill. A portion of Jay's ashes will live there forever come this fall.

Jay had an encyclopedic knowledge of naval, aviation and automobile history.

He could quote facts on any navy, air force or army, of any nation in the world, at any time in history. On his last road trip, he held court at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon, teaching the docents about the aircraft they displayed.

Jay is preceded in death by grandparents Emma and Anthony Vierra, parents Charlotte and James Brown Jr. He is survived by his daughter Amelia Hughes of Hidden Valley Lake, California, son Mario Brown of McKinleyville, California, their mother Marcia Brenta, of Bayside, California, brother Jim and Maryann Brown of Fieldbrook, California, nephews Creighton and Elizabeth Brown of San Rafael, California, and Brandon and Ashley Brown, of McKinleyville Ca., and grandchildren Olivia Brown, Luke Brown and brand new Margot Brown.

There will be a celebration of Jay's life this May.

Farewell my friend and brother, we will miss you.

Donate used gear to Friends of the Dunes

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES HUMBOLDT

Friends of the Dunes is preparing for the annual Get Outside Gear Sale and we want your gently used outdoor gear! Donate to this fun and impactful fundraiser, happening Saturday, April 5, 2025.

The Get Outside Gear Sale supports Friends of the Dunes' education and stewardship programs, provides the community with great deals on outdoor gear and promotes the environmental benefits of buying used.

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Friends of the Dunes is currently accepting donations Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center (220 Stamps Lane in Manila) and at Adventure's Edge stores in Eureka and Arcata during their regular business hours.

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Tuesday, Feb. 11	00.00	30.73	29.41	24.12
Wednesday, Feb. 12	00.06	30.79	29.41	24.32
Thursday, Feb. 13	01.52	32.31	29.43	24.52
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36 Country singer David Allan ___

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39 "Music of the Night" figure

41 Wrinkled-face

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Help make happy campers as a summer camp director

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – Join the summer of fun and become a part of Arcata Recreation’s summer camp team.
The City of Arcata Recreation Division is now accepting applications for Camp Director positions for a variety of camps. Interested community members are invited to share their passion, talent and expertise with the youth of the community. Camp Directors are responsible for planning, creating and implementing camp curriculum and leading activities for children ranging from 4 to 14 years of age.
Summer camps run Monday through Friday from June 16 to Aug. 15. Some hours are required in the Spring for training, planning and preparation. The Camp Director position’s pay range is \$17.871 to \$19.726 per hour.
The application deadline is Monday, March 7. Job announcements for each Camp Director position and applications can be found online at cityofarcata.org/rec or in the Recreation Office at Arcata City Hall.

TRINIDAD LIONS BREAKFAST/BOOKS SALE The Trinidad Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale Sunday, Feb. 23 at Trinidad School from 8 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, choice of ham or sausage, and eggs or biscuits, gravy and eggs. Adults \$8, children \$4. Books 25¢ to \$1. Proceeds benefit youth, school and community projects.

BADUWA’T DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE The Baduwa’t Watershed Council presents *Baduwa’t* Documentary Film Premiere Friday, Feb. 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Eureka Theater, 612 F St., Eureka.
This in-person event will showcase the incredible journey of the Baduwa’t tribe and their rich cultural heritage. Get ready to be inspired and moved by their stories, traditions and way of life. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to witness the beauty of their world on the big screen.
Tickets are \$12.51 and available at eventbrite.com/e/baduwa-t-documentary-film-premiere-tickets-1234915679039.

SHINE A LIGHT ON PALESTINE Shine a Light on Palestine is sponsoring a series of films at the Arcata Minor Theatre this spring. The first two films are *Israelism* on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. and *Boycott*, Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Released in early 2023, *Israelism* reveals a deepening divide among present day Jewish identity. It’s a personal story about two young America Jews who are raised to enthusiastically love Israel. After spending time in Israel and experiencing how Palestinians are treated by Israel, their lives both change. Produced by Tikkun Olam, the film is directed by two first-time Jewish filmmakers.
Boycott is a documentary about three Americans who are personally impacted by the influential powers that impact American politics. This film is unlike other films produced by Just Vision, that address relationships between Palestinians and Israelis, *Boycott* focuses on American anti-boycott and anti-BDS laws. *Boycott* premiered at the South by Southwest Film Festival in 2021 and Human Rights Watch Film Festival in 2022.

HUMBOLDT JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL The First Annual Humboldt Jewish Film Festival takes place online March 9 through 20.
Over the years, Jewish art has influenced and contributed to every media corner, helping to shape American identity and history. Steven Spielberg, Woody Allen, Billy Wilder, Chantal Akerman are just a few of the Jewish-American film directors who contributed. Shalom Humboldt has collaborated with the East Bay Jewish International Film Festival to bring the first Humboldt Jewish Film Festival to you. This year the movies are virtually available only for Humboldt zip codes. Next year we hope to offer a physical location. View the listings at watch.eventive.org/eastbayjewishfilm.
A \$180 Virtual Pass provides a household access to all of the virtual film and speaker events in the 2025 Festival, including 19 films shown in-theatre, plus two bonus films. Individual virtual tickets cost \$13.50. eastbayjewishfilm.org/2025-virtual-festival

Cream Puff romps home, Skipper seeks a situation

Many of you have followed the long and strange saga of Cream Puff, the dog who was adopted from the shelter in July and then soon after was lost in southern Humboldt.

Cream Puff was out on his own for several months. Food was put out in the areas where he was spotted, but he never came in close enough to be captured. We knew our gentle friend wanted to come home; we just couldn’t figure out how to catch him.

Many volunteers went south to try and entice him with various fragrant treats, but it wasn’t until Trish, our most intrepid volunteer, borrowed a special trap and didn’t give up after one failed attempt. She figured out what was wrong, fixed it and tried again.

I received the most amazing phone call one evening in mid-November; Trish quietly said “Mara, I have him.” Cream Puff was quite happy to be back with his friends. He moved into a garage set-up and received a stream of happy visitors as volunteers

came by to say hi. His fosters loved having him but we all really wanted him to find his forever home.
Just a week ago, some nice folks from Willow Creek drove over to the coast with their dog, a friendly boy that had been adopted from the shelter some years back.

The dogs met in a big field and hit it off from the start! After an hour of happy romping, Cream Puff hopped into their car and went home with the them for a trial visit. The fosters said the last thing they saw was two golden tails wagging in the back window of the car!

Cream Puff is still there and the adoption is being finalized. Redwood Pals and the shelter volun-



Jedi and Cream Puff get in some fireplace time.

teers are all very happy that Cream Puff is finally home!
Another nice boy waiting for his forever home is Skipper. Skipper is an easygoing six-year-old dog who seems to be equally happy to engage with his handler or to entertain himself.

We have taken Skipper out with a variety of other dogs and he has gotten along with all of them. He makes us laugh when he gets down on his belly and army-crawls across the grass toward the other dog! He will also freeze when he meets a new dog. In his case it is just an opportunity for the other dog to make the first move.

Skipper knows Sit and Down and loves belly rubs, neck rubs and playing with stuffed toys. He takes treats very nicely and will even give some gentle doggie kisses once he gets to know you!

Skipper is a smart boy and has quickly learned what behaviors make the humans happy and adjusts his manners accordingly. When I last took him out, he demonstrated how well he can take the cues to walk nicely on the leash.

Skipper is about 60 pounds, neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, heartworm-tested and ready to find his forever home. Could it be with you? Please call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 if you’d like to make an appointment to meet Skipper.

If you are cleaning out your cupboards and find blankets or full-size towels you’d like to part with, the shelter would be happy to have them. It’s been a wet and cold winter and there are a lot of animals at the shelter! Please, no comforters, electric blankets, sheets, pillows or sleeping bags. Thank you!

STRs | ‘Trade-off in losing potential housing stock’

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The home’s owners, Tim and Ashley Mazzanti, say they intend to eventually live there.
The ordinance limits STRs to 20 percent of a neighborhood’s residences and the Mazzanti STR brings the Alder Lane’s concentration to 75 percent.
But the ordinance allows flexibility under a special permit process.
Ashley Mazzanti said her family has “hopes and dreams” to live in Humboldt full-time.
Attending online from San Antonio, Texas, Tim Mazzanti said he and Ashley bought the home after visiting Humboldt for their 15th anniversary and being taken by its beauty.
“We’re not trying to turn this into a business or anything like that, it’s just really to subsidize a little bit of the cost while we figure out our next move,” he continued.
The permit also includes an exception to the ordinance’s requirement that STRs be accessed on 16-foot-wide paved roads.
Commissioner Thomas Mulder said when the ordinance was adopted, special permits were envisioned as a means of discretion to “protect people of the community.”
But Commissioner Peggy O’Neill noted the “need to have monthly rentals available and to not take

units out of circulation for long-term residents.”
She said the project area is “one of the higher revenue-generating areas for short term rentals” and estimated annual STR income for the Mazzanti home would be in the \$60,000 to \$70,000 range.
“I’m just not going to take the face value of, ‘Oh yeah, in six months I might want to live there’ – I think there should be a limit for short-term rental because one of the main goals was to keep long-term rentals available,” O’Neill continued.
But Commission Chair Iver Skavdal said the neighborhood is made up of large parcels, two to five acres in size, and allowing STRs in areas where concentrations of them won’t have impacts “is why we created the special permit option.”
Saying “there always a little bit of a trade-off in losing potential housing stock,” Commissioner Noah Levy said he doesn’t have concerns about impacts given the circumstances.
There’s been no public comment and Mulder said he doesn’t want to “discourage anyone from coming to Humboldt County and spending money and promoting commerce because – I don’t know if you’ve paid attention – it’s a little scary in Humboldt County.”
Commissioners voted to approve

the permit, with O’Neill dissenting.
Also before the commission were changes to the STR ordinance.
Planning Director John Ford said the amendments are spurred by “unexpected consequences” of some of the ordinance’s rules.
One of them restricts STRs on agricultural lands to “farm stays” with the educational component of being able to experience farming operations in action.
But Ford said that makes less sense on smaller ag parcels that have a residential neighborhood scale. The change generally allows STRs on ag parcels less than five acres.
Another rule requires STR access via a Category 3 paved road with the 16-foot width.
The amendment allows the “functional equivalent” of a Category 3 road.
A third change is to the way neighborhood concentration is measured, with the amended rule requiring that an STR not be within 300 feet of another.
Skavdal wondered how common it is for someone to have an STR that close to another.
O’Neill said it happens “as soon as I find out my neighbor’s making \$70,000 a year.”
Commissioners unanimously approved the changes.

Budget | Threadbare budget scenario

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“bring something forward like a problem-oriented policing team, more mobile intervention when it comes to crisis intervention, more vehicle abatement money – all those things that are important to you all, it’s important that we’re able to bring those to you so you can fund those in the future.”
But economic trends challenge that.
During the staff presentation, Assistant County Administrative Officer Jessica Maciel said “across the board, all sales tax is not performing very well” and the Measure Z public safety sales tax fund is expected to fall below what was budgeted.
Maciel told supervisors several departments have negative budget balances, which she described as “concerning.”
There was some resistance to not accepting supplemental General Fund requests from departments. But County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes said allowing them would be irresponsible given the threadbare budget scenario.
“It’d be incredibly irresponsible of me to hand you a checkbook when you don’t have money in your checking account and that’s what the data is telling us right now,” she continued.
“You’re not going to have money in your checking account at the end of next fiscal year based off of a status quo budget as it is.”
The ability to offset ongoing deficits is expected to overwhelm the county in the 2026-27 fiscal year.
But Supervisor Michelle Bushnell has serious doubt about squelching supplemental budget requests.
“The responsibility I have to my community, to my district, is that I know what we’re going to be denying to people for services, which this is what this means,” she said, adding that she wants to be informed of “what the communities are going to be losing.”
But she said she’ll go along with holding off on supplemental budget requests to avoid a worse scenario – layoffs.
“Am I happy? No, do I want to vote on this? No, I don’t but we don’t have the funds and I don’t want to get to a layoff position for people,” she said. “That’s not comfortable either.”
With some reluctance, supervisors approved the recommendations for the upcoming budget with Bushnell saying, “We’re doing this to avoid the layoffs because we value our team members.”

Water | Leaks

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But an interim solution is in sight – possible borrowing from within via transfer of wastewater funds. A consultant is to be hired to map out the specifics and detail a more permanent fix.
The depth of the worsening situation, physical and financial, was outlined by Finance Director Tabatha Miller and City Engineer Netra Khatri at the Feb. 5 City Council meeting.
While construction is underway at sites all over town, the new structures and existing user base is served by achey-breaky water line infrastructure that’s 50 to 10 years old.
Over the past three years, city staff has responded to some 244 reports of water leaks, with five or 10 of those incidents consuming major staff time and resources at all hours, with impacts to businesses that must close when the water shuts off.
The Steel Waterline Replacement Project, currently out to bid, will replace 33,600 feet of water line and installing hundreds of new valves and laterals. Estimated at \$1 million in 2005, that cost had

ballooned up to \$5 million in 2020, but has since nearly tripled in cost to \$14.5 million.
It can’t come too soon, as at this time, some 30 percent of the city’s water supply leaks away and goes to waste, and the loss is increasing. On top of that, the city couldn’t bill for \$100,000 in lost, wasted water over the last year.
Current water rates were set to cover the \$5 million estimated cost. But with a new engineering estimate projecting that the city should be spending \$3.5 million yearly on infrastructure, Water Fund resources will go millions of dollars into deficit by 2027. By 2034, if nothing is done, Water Fund working capital could be more than \$45.1 million in the red.
“We simply cannot afford the new price tag,” Miller said.
With costs still rising and new water line breaks expected, she said the city must proceed with the line replacement project, but with additional measures.
Miller proposed that the council approve an interfund loan policy to make possible an \$8.5 million lateral loan from the Wastewater Fund. That proposal will come before the council at its regular meeting tonight in the form

of Resolution No. 245-33.
She suggested by way of rough preliminary estimates that a 6 percent total increase in water and wastewater fees might cover costs, pending deeper analysis.
The city will also hire a rate consulting firm to evaluate water and wastewater rates, capacity charges and cost allocations for a comprehensive view of the issue.
City Councilmember Kimberley White wanted to know how something this major could have been overlooked during a 2020 rate study – conducted by the same proposed consultant – with water fees having been raised as recently as July 2024.
“Why did we not see this shortfall?” White asked.
Miller said the previous analysis was sound, but based on city figures which didn’t pan out, plus inflation.
Khatri said that previous estimates were also based on four miles of pipes needing replacement. Presently, about six miles of pipeline needs some major love.
Mayor Alex Stillman said she hoped that Arcata’s growing tax base, further expedited by passage of the Gateway Area Plan, will help offset future infrastructure costs.

Kelly McCaughan brings Catholic Guilt to Zero to Fierce Festival (02F)

In Kelly McCaughan’s solo show, *Catholic Guilt*, shock becomes a tool for audience reflection.

“The biggest misconception is that it’s going to be this silly, funny show about the Catholic Church, and then people come and see it, and they’re shocked at what it actually is,” McCaughan said. “It’s about taking your power back and giving yourself permission to be a full human.”

The piece is a dark emotional roller coaster with twists, turns and lots of audience participation.

Though the content of the show may be shocking for some, for McCaughan it was simply the truth. “It’s shocking because of what we’ve conditioned to believe, because of everything we’ve been taught about Jesus and Catholicism,” she said.

In giving herself a chance to undo that conditioning on stage she offers her audience a chance to do the same.

“This show is about undoing all the shame and guilt that you’ve experienced through religion ... undo the shame, and you will feel liberated and healed in some way,” she said.

Finding one’s truth can be a lengthy process. McCaughan went through her own journey of undoing to bring the piece to its final form.

“From the very beginning, but I was too shy or too nervous that it would be too controversial,” she said. “Or, you know, just too much, and I was afraid of what people would think.”

She started working on the show in 2017 when it premiered at Solo Fest in Philadelphia. While this debut was a positive experience, she felt her work was not done. “I knew it wasn’t completely finished, and I wasn’t pushing myself in the way that I wanted to because I was scared,” she recalled.

Even though she had received feedback from collaborators advising her against pushing the shows boundaries more, she knew she had to go further.

She challenged herself to tackle the big and uncomfortable truths at the core



NOTHING HELD BACK Kelly McCaughan. IMAGE VIA KELLY MCGAUGHAN

she said. “The show has gotten to a point now where nothing is held back, physically, mentally and emotionally, nothing is held back. It is very raw in all ways.”

McCaughan’s persistence paid off. *Catholic Guilt* was nominated for best show with the 2024 Jones Bootmaker Edinburgh Comedy Awards, best newcomer with the 2023 Jones Bootmaker Edinburgh Comedy Awards and had sold out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The lesson in all of this?

“Don’t be afraid to tell the scariest truth, because that’s the thing that’s going to affect someone the most and probably heal you the most in return,” McCaughan said. “If you’re afraid, yes, it won’t be for everybody, but it will be for someone, and that will be enough, feel the fear and do it anyway.”

Catholic Guilt plays Monday, March 8 at 9:30 p.m. as a part of the Zero to Fierce Festival.

This is a spectacular piece of high renown you won’t want to miss!

For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit zerotofierce.org

Ditch disposables, pack reusables

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata wants to encourage residents to ditch disposable food and beverage containers and bring their reusable foodware everywhere.

Locally, the North-coast Environmental Center reported that food and beverage packaging accounted for 27 percent of the trash picked up during their 2023 Coastal Cleanup Month event.

Approximately 2,248 single-use plastic foodware products were picked up across 20 beaches, parks, trails and neighborhoods in Humboldt County in just one month.

Single-use and disposable plastics not only contribute to street litter and marine pollution, but the processes of materials extraction, product production and waste disposal produce greenhouse gas emissions as well.

To reduce the environmental impact of single-use plastics, California passed AB 619, referred to as the “Bring Your Own” Bill, in 2019.

This bill gives businesses the freedom to offer and accept reusable food and beverage containers.

In 2020, the Arcata City Council established

Ordinance 1527, also known as the Single-Use Disposable (SUD) Foodware Ordinance.

This ordinance built off AB 619 and established regulations for the City of Arcata related to single-use plastics and created incentives for food vendors and customers to ditch the disposables.

Make it a habit to bring reusable foodware accessories and containers everywhere, especially when out to eat or attending a festival.

Within the City of Arcata, customers who bring their own reusable foodware for takeout food or beverages will receive a \$0.25 discount on their order.

Remember to communicate with the food vendor about the appropriate container size and ensure

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FOOD AND MUSIC IN BAYSIDE Bayside Corners welcomes its energetic new members. Seated, above: Chris Beresford, Treasurer, Maggie Gainer, president; John Taylor, vice president. Standing: Dana Utman; Kelsey Parker; Denise Jones; Rebecca Nordquist, secretary; and Will Suiter. The Board expressed special appreciation to outgoing member Alice Finen for her work serving on the Board. The Board is looking forward to hosting a lively “Evening of Irish Music” at the Temperance Hall on Saturday, March 15 featuring Good Company, 7 to 8 p.m., and Vanishing Pints, 8 to 9 p.m. An optional delicious Irish Stew Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come early to savor a hearty, traditional Irish stew. A bar will be open throughout the evening with beer, wine and a mixed drink option. Drinks and desserts are sold separately. This year, they are preparing a traditional Irish meal an hour before musicians take the stage. Last year sold out, so get your tickets now at baysidecorners.org/evening-of-irish-music. This spring, Bayside Corners is distributing a community survey to Bayside residents and preparing the multipurpose facility for groups to rent after a structural repair to the historic Temperance Hall is completed. To learn more and join Bayside Corners, contact baysidecorners@gmail.com. SUBMITTED PHOTO



HELP PERPETRATE A PERFECTABLE ARCATA **CHAMBER OF LEADERS** The Arcata City Council, city staff and representatives of city advisory committees and commissions gathered for their annual summit meeting last week, an occasion to coordinate and synchronize their efforts. KLH | UNION

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week met with representatives of its advisory committees, with the council-influencers reporting on their direction as well as the many projects and initiatives their citizen groups are pursuing. Among the advisory committees represented were the Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee, Wetlands and Creeks, Energy, Forest Management, Parks and Rec and Transportation Safety. Matters of interest included good news about salmon spawning in Arcata’s recovering creeks, the struggle to obtain and staff a sustainable street sweeper, park maintenance, parking meter apps and more. The Public Safety Committee, established in 2018, has been inactive for several years due to lack of members. It had always struggled to achieve a quorum and was plagued by frequent member turnover and lack of public participation.

But City Manager Merritt Perry said there has been a resurgence of interest in the committee, which could be revived. cityofarcata.org/794/Public-Safety-Committee
A City of Arcata news release: Commissions and committees help guide Arcata by informing the City Council on their areas of focus and, in the case of the Planning Commission, making important decisions around building, planning and development around the city. There are three seats available for the Planning Commission and one seat on the Energy Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Transportation Safety Committee. A first review of applications for these positions takes place March 10, but applications will be accepted as long as there is a vacancy. The application and more information can be found on the City’s Committees and Commissions page, cityofarcata.org/280/Committees-Commissions.

Trinidad grapples with safety sign controversy, noise-reducing racquets

The two tall solar-powered flashing pedestrian warning signs at Hector and Edwards Street were the subject of most of the City Council meeting last week. They were installed as part of a Caltrans grant along with other less controversial safety projects recently. Several nearby residents on Hector and Underwood Streets find them intrusive on their harbor views, unattractive in general and unnecessary for pedestrian safety. There was much back and forth discussion on the subject. No one in the room could remember any accidents on Edwards Street, which provides the only pedestrian access to the harbor area since the Van

Wycke Trail has been closed. Edwards Street is the only vehicular access to the harbor. Mayor Cheryl Kelly made sure everyone was heard. Longtime resident Richard Bruce, who has served on the Planning Commission, the council, and who was a Caltrans employee in the past, made the practical suggestion that if opening the Van Wycke Trail to the harbor could be re-addressed, pedestrian safety on Edwards Street would not be such a volatile issue. GHD is the city engineering firm which designed the Cal Trans grant projects. Engineer Josh Wolf explained several

alternatives for lowering the signs, reducing the size of the signs, removing the signs or changing their location. Not such an easy decision for the council, which voted to seek a second engineering firm opinion as to whether or not the two poles in question were needed. City Manager Joe Tagliaboschi sent letters to Trinidad residents in advance of last week’s council meeting in an effort to make sure everyone had a voice in city matters and to encourage civic participation. Adding Pickle Ball to the tennis court, a recreation grant

project, was another item on the agenda. Increased noise was brought up by nearby residents. There are “noise reducing racquets” available, however enforcing the use of these is a problem. The many users of the Lin Tennis Court would like to see the court re-paved. No decision was made to either go forward with the Pickle Ball court enhancements nor to give up on the project. More research on noise reduction will be done by the council. In other council news, former City Manager Eli Naffah was applauded for his five-and-a-half years of service to Trinidad. Mayor Kelly read a formal Proclamation thanking him.

The council voted unanimously to revise a draft MOU between the City of Trinidad and the Westhaven Community Services District regarding the Water System Intertie Project, a cooperative agreement between the two communities. The Water Advisory Committee was formally “sunseted,” to be revived as needed in the future in relation to connecting the Trinidad water system to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District system. The new 250,000 gallon holding tank at Luffenholtz Creek-supplied City water system was to be filled Tuesday, Feb. 18. *Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.*



Blue Lake has lots to blurb about, with classes, produce, paint, pours, bees and baseball

In a town this size there’s no place to hide. Everywhere you go, you meet someone you know.
– Kierran Kane

Those lyrics properly describe Blue Lake. The sign outside of City Hall states our population as 1234. That hasn’t changed much in all these years. We’re in a town of less than one square mile with no traffic signals. Blue Lake is home to the Annie and Mary trail, the levee trail along the Mad River, home to internationally acclaimed Dell’Arte School of Physical Theatre, Perigot Park with its ball fields and skating rink, a horse arena, a wonderful museum and our historic Grange Hall. The legendary Logger Bar, Mad River Brewery and Jewell Distillery are all places where your friends, neighbors or even out-of-town guests can go to experience our local flavor. Blue Lake has no home mail delivery so we all go to the post office to collect our mail. We have a beautiful new town square across the street. Blue Lakers tend to walk in the street instead of on the sidewalks when there is no traffic. It is not unusual for horses to stroll down those same streets. Blue Lake has a new business. The Makers’ Space by Sea Goat Farmstand, 435 First Ave., held its official Grand Opening on Saturday, Feb. 8. The Makers’ Space will not only be a paint-your-own-pottery studio but will also offer various art classes and workshops, farm shares and local produce to purchase. Hours are Friday,



RESOURCEFUL GATHERING On Tuesday Feb. 11, the Wha Nika club of Blue Lake hosted the meeting for the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Redwood District at the Blue Lake Fire Hall. All five Clubs in the District were represented: Garberville, Crescent City, Eureka, Trinidad and Blue Lake. Our guest speaker was Molly Homan from the Blue Lake Resource Center, pictured above in the center. At left are officers left to right: Parliamentarian Liz Freeman, Redwood District President Cyndi Bainbridge and Second Vice President Mary Balletta. PHOTO BY ADELENE JONES

Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The Makers’ Space, in collaboration with the Logger Bar, will present a Paint and Pour Party on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Logger Bar. At the event you can paint a ceramic mug while enjoying a specialty drink at the Logger. Tickets are \$30 for this 21 and over event. Sign up at seagoatfarmstand.org or contact Katie Mather, resident artist and studio manager, at (707) 382-2427. The Blue Lake Community Resource Center, 111 Greenwood Av., will present “Bee Friendly – Learn How To Create A Pollinator Friendly Garden” on Friday, Feb.

21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. This is a free event. For further information call the Resource Center at (707) 668-5239. Blue Lake Little League will hold Little League and T-Ball registration on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 312 South Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Kids age 7 and up are eligible for 2025 teams. Fees this year are \$100 for the first child in a family; \$50 for each additional child. I’ve been a proud Blue Laker for 40 years. I love our sense of community. Hopefully, my column will keep your informed of upcoming events and special interest items.

WINTER BIRDS AT THE MARSH Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 22. Meet leader Leslie Scopes Anderson at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine tour focusing on the importance of wetlands, with an emphasis on winter birds. (707) 826-2359.

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Chet Ogan at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. This month we will be planting trees and shrubs, scattering wildflower seeds and continuing the removal of invasive that are popping up. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves and packaged snacks. Contact Eric Nelson etn3115@icloud.com with questions or more information.

SOHUM BIRD TOUR Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a trip

to Wedding Rock at Sue-meg State Park on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Wedding Rock is one of the county’s best sea-watch locations and we’ll spend the morning scanning for goodies that could include Rhinoceros Auklet, Ancient Murrelet, Black-legged Kittiwake, Iceland Gull and Northern Fulmar. We’ll also share sea-watching techniques and sea-bird identification tips; a good opportunity to compare optics. This will be a relaxed morning of birding and camaraderie. In case you’re unfamiliar, the site requires a short but somewhat strenuous walk to reach. Meet leader Ken Burton (shrikethree@gmail.com) on the east side of Patrick’s Point Drive just north of the Sue-meg State Park entrance to carpool into the park, or meet us at the rock later if you wish. Bring scopes and park passes if you have them and snacks to share if you wish.



OPINION

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Punching up, punching down

During the recent Valley West visioning session, community members discussed their values and wishes with regard to a community center in Valley West.

I was disturbed to hear how much the concept of a community center was co-opted by those wishing to add even more homeless services to Valley West turning the community center into a resource center instead. Repeated discussion of public showers, for example, sorely contradicted creating a community center for those already residing in Valley West.

We need to remember to punch up when trying to solve the problem of poverty, drug abuse, mental illness, domestic abuse, and all the other unfairness that leads to being unhoused. If we allow ourselves to punch down instead, we set the stage for creating even more unfairness and homeless individuals.

Punching down

Enabling vagrancy to the point compromised individuals are not motivated to better their circumstances.

Drawing people from all over to congregate in a non-therapeutic milieu that only reinforces failure.

Foisting the consequences of said congregation onto the backs of a working-class neighborhood that already has plenty of problems of its own.

Scenario: Cal Poly has an extraordinary curriculum training students for professions working with the natural world. How wonderful it would be to see some of the youngsters now growing up in Valley West able to take advantage of that hyper-local opportunity.

Appreciation of the natural world from when we were young was one of the core values that came up again and again in the community center visioning session.

Here, instead, a youngster never has a chance to build that core value because the natural world near them is not attractive, much less inspiring or even safe, because homeless encampments have been encouraged to locate to Valley West to take advantage of services offered there.

Punching up

Provide services for the unhoused in an affluent neighborhood where they are less likely to prevent folks (and youngsters) from thriving, or even worse, cause residents themselves to fall through the cracks to homelessness by normalizing vagrancy, untreated mental illness, and addiction.

Demand from political and business leaders sufficient funding to care properly for the unhoused instead of accepting band-aid solutions like public showers.

**John Emig
Arcata**

We could all have learned a lot

People keep asking me why I have not responded to Krigel's letter ("Response to a false, dogmatic narrative clothed in deceitful empathy," Dec. 19, 2024) where she chose to personally discredit me. I have not responded because any response would legitimize her attack of my integrity.

I stand by what I wrote. I decided not

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to engage further as personal attacks were not of any interest to me or value to our community. Her use of such descriptors of me and/or my position on Palestine were loud enough in the title, but continued as in "shameful hubris," "priggish manipulation," "intellectual laziness" "dishonesty," "morally offensive," "hypocritical..."

My hope prior to her response was to engage in a conversation through the *Union* that reflected our different positions. We all could have learned a lot from such ongoing dialogue. OK, this is why I have not responded. Case closed.

**Pamela Brown
Arcata**

They don't even care

It is rare for anyone to disbelieve in their own innocence. Acceptance of responsibility, and hence willingness to change and make reparations to those wronged by a perpetrator's ignorance or outright selfishness and arrogance or violence is often resisted. The most disgusting level of this kind of denial, as Trump and Musk display, is not even excused by a natural clinging to the deluded claim of innocence. They are so arrogant they don't even care.

They are deporting refugees, largely indigenous victims of ongoing colonialism who would not otherwise have left their homes, back to countries that American support of genocidal military regimes made unlivable for them, and now add in, "drill baby drill," global warming that compounds the climate disasters we are all facing.

Both for America and Israel the dreams and ideals we have had as people are far from fulfilled. Long have the Prophets railed against the powers that be. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit." To what avail now?

The dream of Israel began at a time when nationalism was rising up against exploitive empires. Jews were welcomed by Palestinians as allies against the British. Sadly that could not be maintained in the face of the Nakba (Catastrophe) ethnic cleansing of 1948.

I have been asked how I can expect the Jewish people to have the world's sympathy over the Holocaust when Israel is leveling Gaza and displacing, killing and maiming hundreds of thousands of people, a third of them children. Part of the innocence game is based on forgetting or ignoring history.

The primary current historical foundation of present troubles in the Middle East goes back to the Roman Empire.

Jesus was the last anointed king of Israel. He was crucified as a rebel against Rome. Constantine, in order to consolidate his disintegrating empire, converted the Empire to the Roman version of Christianity 300 years after Jesus' death.

Thus all other versions of Christianity, of which there were many, became heretical. Anathema to Rome, Jews had continued to rebel against the Empire. Christians, by then whose concepts had been amalgamated with Pagan thought that made Jesus into God incarnate and a human sacrifice – anathema to Judaism – claimed, through their writings that blamed the Jews for Jesus' death, they were not part of that rebellion in order to

escape Roman persecution. It should not be necessary to remind people that crucifixion was a Roman, not a Jewish, mode of execution.

After the destruction of the Second Temple and Masada, Rome renamed Israel Palestine. Centuries of antisemitism followed. The Jews who had not fled before Roman power, remained and were converted to Islam and intermarried with Arabs under the Ottoman Empire and so became Palestinians.

So let's take a deep breath here and realize, both sides have violent, radical elements. Both sides have killed innocents. Both claim the innocent's right to revenge.

There are bigger issues facing the planet right now, namely global warming climate catastrophe, to which war is a huge contributor – prophets of arms manufacturers be damned. We are kidding ourselves if we believe the tipping point has not already been passed. There's no more time for fundamentalist fantasies about God being on "our" side.

We can go out self-righteously at each others throats, feeding on our universal PTSD, or we can strive still to become the caring, honorable, creative, non-violent beings we were meant by our highest ideals to be, not slave masters over slaves, as Elon Musk is seeking to be.

Should he not be deported back to South Africa where he was born to the white apartheid class instead of appointed by Trump to glean every penny from our social programs for yet more tax breaks for the gilded few?

**Margo Gross aka Naomi Silvertree
Arcata**

Tarrifying Trump

President Trump loves tariffs. He has already imposed them with some exceptions on items from Canada, Mexico, and China, although at this time, the first two tariffs are paused for negotiations. Soon Trump will be proposing more tariffs with the "Reciprocal Trade Act" (RTA). The act would place U.S. tariffs on all imported goods from a country equal to the tariff rate they impose on U.S. goods exported to them.

Trump misleads when he explains how the RTA would work. From a Trump campaign video, other countries will have two choices: either "get rid of their tariffs on us, or they will pay us hundreds of billions of dollars, and the United States will make an absolute FORTUNE."

Yes, the United States government may make a fortune from the tariffs, but the fortune will come from the U.S. importers who must pay these tariffs, not from the exporting countries.

This added expense would likely be passed on to U.S. consumers through increased prices on their imported goods. Economists estimate that, if just the Canada, Mexico, and China tariffs were implemented, living costs for American households would rise by over \$2,000 per year.

It's no wonder Trump wants these tariffs. The new tariff dollars could help back Congress's efforts to support the continuation, or even expansion, of Trump's soon to expire tax cuts that disproportionately benefit corporations and the rich. If this were to happen, it could be likened to Robin Hood in reverse: take from the poor to give to the rich.

**Sherman Schapiro
Eureka**

D is for...

I have been watching the world with renewed horror at what is going on in our country. The Republic is coming apart at the seams and all we can do is watch. Who knew it would be so easy and the "100 days" tradition would be used to destroy our lives.

It is amusing that since 1917 various countries around the world have been trying to destroy the USA when apparently all you had to do was buy it. Not that any of our various "enemies" could have put together the amount of money Elon Musk spent, but that they never thought of trying. Officially the number says that Musk spent around \$380 million to get Trump elected, but I suspect the amount is more like \$ 1.5 to 2 billion.

And now Elon wants what he paid for and no one has come up with a way to stop him. Donald may think he is the King but he is just fooling himself and is utterly disposable and probably will be. After all the only thing Elon needed was a pathetic psychopath who was malleable. That would describe JD Vance, but lately Vance has been showing sparks of independence. Of course that will have to be stamped out.

Donald must be having fits all over the place. Ever since the mainstream media began referring to Musk as the "Co-President" Trump has been plotting to get rid of him. But he still keeps giving him the key to any door in the governmental structure that Musk wants.

The real target is the gold at Fort Knox and the U.S. Treasury at large. One way to devalue the U.S. dollar is to convert some, if not all, of the holdings of the Treasury to crypto-currency. Crypto-currency is the biggest Ponzi scheme ever devised. People are invested in nothing with a price tag of over \$96,000 per unit or piece or what. It is unclear what it is you are buying. The original point of cryptocurrency was a barter system used by various felons to "buy" things on the dark web.

The originator of Silk Road, who was just pardoned by Donald, used it to barter things like drugs, human trafficking and yes, murder. Now it is traded as a currency and intelligent people are swept up in owning it. Really? Think people. If we had a government responsive to the well-being of the ordinary citizen, the crypto market would collapse in upon itself taking people like Donald and Elon with it. Elon should be deported back to South Africa where he can languish in obscurity.

We are a large country with over 330 million citizens and have always been welcoming to immigrants. We are diverse in our makeup, inclusive of all the talents we bring to our society and equal under the constitution and the 14th amendment. So D is for diversity, duty and dedication to the common good.

D also stands for destruction. My sister laments that we have become a Third World nation because of the election. I told her we became a Third World nation the minute the bought-and-paid-for Supreme Court declared that Trump was immune from prosecution for anything he did in office as part of his official duties.

Last week some of the pundits and even members of Congress decided the D stands for dictator.

Thank you for listening,
**Jan Phelps
Arcata**

OBITUARY

Virginia Lee Gray, May 25, 1938 – December 5, 2024

Ginger beamed light of joy for all who knew her, standing on the side of happiness even during life's challenges. A gifted storyteller, she had a remarkable ability to bring laughter when we needed it most.

With a playful spirit, she embraced her identity as a "Crone," serving as a powerful role model for aging with grace and fierceness.

She departed this world peacefully in her Seattle-area home, leaving behind her beloved four children: Kathy, Kristy, Tristan, and Shelby Hellum, her daughter-in-law, Jo Hellum, along with eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In the 1990s, Ginger followed two of her daughters to the Arcata area, where she discovered her passion for basket making in Happy Camp. She thrived in the mountain life, relishing the joy of cooking over an open fire,

gardening, fishing, and hunting.

As a Reiki master, she offered healing energy to those in need. Known affectionately as "Mama Ging" by her daughters' friends, she fostered a nurturing spirit in everyone around her.

Born in Seattle, Washington, to the remarkable Ruth Gray (née Foise) and Herman Pete Gray, she cherished her younger brother, Pete, who left this world too soon.

Immediately after graduating from Queen Anne High School in 1956, Ginger married Frank Hellum. By the age of 24, she was a dedicated mother of four and took on a full-time job to support her family.

At 32, she found herself a single mother in Eugene, Oregon, raising her four children while working tirelessly as a smiling grocery checker, embodying resilience and strength.

In her 60s, she founded "The Cre-

ative Crone Society" in Arcata, uniting a vibrant group of older women to celebrate the journey into Cronehood with enthusiasm and laughter.

While living in Arcata, she also became a tofu recipe tester and demonstrator for Matthew's Tofu Shop, delighting in her ability to convert even the most hesitant into tofu enthusiasts. Ginger often declared that her happiest years were spent in Humboldt County.

A celebration of Ginger's life will take place on Sunday, March 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Bayside Road. Everyone is warmly invited to join the dances of Universal Peace at 4 p.m.

Ginger was initiated as a Sufi in the Rahaniat order and cherished her time cooking for the annual Sufi Camp at Pamplin Grove, where she found joy in singing with the Sufi Choir.



BIKE SAFETY ED FOR SCHOOLS The City of Arcata has bike safety education materials, free to local schools in the community.

In an effort to promote bicycle safety awareness and education in the community, the City of Arcata purchased educational materials, “Smart ycling Quick Guide” and “Youth Learn to Ride Manual” through the League of American Bicyclists to offer to schools in the community.

The goal of these guides is to provide intro-

ductory information that could be incorporated in an educational setting for teachers and their students. The material of both guides is available in English and Spanish.

The City of Arcata is committed to improving transportation safety for all users on the road. To support this cause, it is critical to provide access to bicycle education for all and especially for the youth.

Bicycle education can help instill more confidence in users but more importantly,

safer practices.

For more information, or to give input for additional ideas about promoting multi-modal safety in our community, please email *engineering@cityofarcata.org* or call (707) 825-2174.

The City of Arcata would like to thank Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) as a regional partner for providing funding for purchasing these materials through 2 percent TDA funds.

Solution to Crossword:

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00090

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ROYAL REDWOOD MARKETING

4991 VAN DYKE CT. ARCATA, CA 95521 PMB 182 SAMOA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT JULIO C. SANDOVAL 4991 VAN DYKE CT. ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/JULIO C. SANDOVAL, SOLE PROPRIETOR This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 11, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES TH/DEPUTY CLERK 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12

ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT KATE C. FRACHON 865 9TH STREET STE 206 ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL S/KATE FRACHON, FOUNDER/OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Jan. 7, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JESSICA MOSIER SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2500107

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **NEVAEH EUNICE K'IDA:YCHE' MONTGOMERY**

To Proposed name: **NEVAEH EUNICE K'IDA:YCHE' MOSIER**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: MARCH 28, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 8

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Jan. 23, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00049

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

WALSTON INDUSTRIAL

1046 FRITZ RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GREEN HILL DYNAMICS INC. CA 202250711340 1046 FRITZ RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/DANIEL GEIST, MANAGING MEMBER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 27, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00037

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HGLK

315 C ST EUREKA, CA 95501 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HUMBOLDT GREEN LIGHT KITCHEN CA 201707210294 315 C ST EUREKA, CA 95501 This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY S/ASHLEY HANSON, MEMBER MANAGER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 16, 2025 JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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865 9TH STREET STE 206

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARMINE C. PASCUCCI, aka CARMINE CHARLES PASCUCCI

CASE NO.: PR2500044

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

CARMINE C. PASCUCCI, aka CARMINE CHARLES PASCUCCI

A Petition for Probate has been filed by GABRIEL M. PASCUCCI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: GABRIEL M. PASCUCCI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the In-

dependent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Feb. 6, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

GERALD BARRY DORFMAN DORFMAN LAW OFFICE PO BOX 1056 MILL VALLEY, CA 94942 (TELEPHONE): 415-389-9590 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLES WILBURN UPTON

CASE NO.: PR2400339

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

CHARLES WILBURN UPTON

A Petition for Probate has been filed by SANDRA LOU UPTON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: SANDRA LOU UPTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the In-

dependent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Feb. 6, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

SANDRA LOU UPTON 2471 DANA COURT FORTUNA, CA 95540 (530) 764-1230 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY KATHRYN KEPLER

CASE NO.: PR2400338

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

MARY KATHRYN KEPLER

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARY ALLYSON PRYOR in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MARY ALLYSON PRYOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions

without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Feb. 6, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

MARY ALLYSON PRYOR 1000 SOUTH AVENUE EUREKA, CA 95503 707-497-9480 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME PERI PENMAN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402490

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **JADE ALANA PUTNAM**

To Proposed name: **JADE ALANA PENMAN-GRIFFITH**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: Feb. 21, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: 4

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3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Jan. 6, 2025 Timothy A. Canning. Judge of the Superior Court 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12

didate will be dependent upon the number of candidates. Selection will be either at the Board's regular meeting on March 11, 2025 at 6 pm or a Special Meeting in early April.

2/19, 2/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 3rd day of March, 2025 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:

Dharmadas Chakravarti – Pots, Bike, Empty Pony Keg, Skate Boards, Furniture

Kathy Morris – Furniture, Boxes, Sombrero, Painting

Tom Handwerker – Generator, Tool Chest, Ladder, Weed Growing Supplies, Air Compressor, Totes, Heater, Dehumidifier, Shovels

The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.

2/19, 2/26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD SERRA

CASE NO.: PR2500050

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

RICHARD SERRA

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CLARA WEYER-GRAF-SERRA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CLARA WEYER-GRAF-SERRA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

(This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: March 27, 2025 Time: 10:30 a.m. Dept.: 4 Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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EMILY A. FOEHR VENABLE LLP 101 CALIFORNIA STREET, SUITE 3800 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 415.653.3750 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ARCATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Measure B Bond & Measure H Parcel Tax Funds

NOTICE is hereby given that the Arcata Elementary School District is seeking members to serve on its Citizens' Oversight Committee to oversee expenditures of Measure B bond funds (approved by District voters on March 5, 2024 for facilities improvement projects) and Measure H parcel tax funds (approved by District voters on November 8, 2016 for art, music and dance programs; reduced class sizes; health programs; and necessary staffing). The District is presently accepting applications from interested citizens. The 7-member Committee will meet one or more times per year to hear a report from District staff regarding bond and parcel tax fund project expenditures, and confirm for the public that funds have been spent only on the projects approved by District voters. Committee members may live outside District boundaries.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the District Office, located at 1435 Buttermilk Lane in Sunny Brae, or download the application from the District's website at arcataschooldistrict.org (Family/Community - Forms). **Applications are due by Friday, March 14, 2025 at the office of the Superintendent or via email sent to the attention of Superintendent Luke Biesecker at: lbiesecker@arcatasd.org.**

The applications of all interested individuals will be presented to the ASD Board of Trustees so that Committee appointments can be made at their April 14, 2025 regular meeting. Applicants are not required to be in attendance. If you have any questions about the Committee, please contact Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 101 or lbiesecker@arcatasd.org for more information.

Balourdet Quartet brings passion to classical music

EUREKA CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
EUREKA/ARCATA
– The Eureka Chamber Music Series presents the Balourdet Quartet, a prize-winning and passionate ensemble that is quickly becoming one of classical music’s hottest tickets.

The Balourdet will perform weekend concerts on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka, and on Sunday, March 9 at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Arcata before heading directly to the East Coast to play a sold-out concert at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The Saturday Mainstage Concert will feature the groundbreaking and Grammy winning *Different Trains* by American composer Steve Reich, which combines live musical performance with pre-recorded sound. Also on the program is *Five Pieces for String Quartet*, an ecstatic 20th century take on a Baroque dance suite by the Austro-Czech composer Erwin Schulhoff, and *String Quintet No. 1, in A Major, Op. 18* by the beloved romantic composer Felix Mendelssohn, with ECMS artistic director Tom Stone joining the Balourdet



MUSIC’S HOTTEST TICKET The Balourdet Quartet. PHOTO COURTESY KEVIN W. CONDON

playing the viola.

Sunday’s Concert and Conversation will feature *String Quartet No. 16 in F Major, Op. 135* which is the final quartet composed by Ludwig van Beethoven, as well as the last major composition he completed before his death in 1827.

Mainstage Concert tickets are \$40 general and \$10 for students. Concert and Conversation tickets are \$20 general and \$5 for students. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended for this popular concert series, and there are no added fees or service charges when ordering tickets online. Please visit eureka-chambermusic.org and follow the “purchase tickets” link. Any remaining tickets

will be sold at the door.

In addition to their weekend concerts, the Balourdet Quartet will spend the previous week performing community outreach events in a variety of venues in Humboldt County, including public schools, hospitals, and places of worship. There will also be three additional public events where the themes of this concert repertoire will be explored more thoroughly, providing historical context for the music and composers, including a discussion about freedom, history, and the role of art in society.

The “Different Trains Concert Preview” will take place on Sunday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of Arcata where donations will be gratefully accepted, and at The Old Steeple in Ferndale, a first-

time collaboration between ECMS and the Ferndale Music Company, on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$11 at the door or may be purchased in advance at ferndalemusiccompany.com.

On Wednesday, March 5 the Balourdet will perform at the Humboldt County Main Library in Eureka, with live music at 5 p.m. and music and lecture from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a free event; all are welcome.

Curated by ECMS artistic director Tom Stone, he offers some context for this week of music and community outreach:

“We all listen to music, but it’s not everyday that we feel its power to transform us. That’s our goal with this immersive community residency. Music is a pathway to our origins and some of the stories music tells can be joyous and enlightening, as well as painful. ‘Different Trains’ will create the visceral experience of all of this and more through the historical lense of Europe and America around the time of World War II. I’m eager to explore the enlightened music that preceded a dreaded war and its aftermath, the effects of fascism on freedom, art, and expression, and the beauty of the music that came into being in spite of it all.”

Symphony: Music as Legend

EUREKA SYMPHONY

EUREKA – The Eureka Symphony performs Music as Legend, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arkley Center for Performing Arts in downtown Eureka.

Carol Jacobson, the Eureka Symphony’s conductor and artistic director, envisions this concert as a culturally rich musical adventure, spanning distinctly different traditions and eras.

It begins with *Chokfi: Sarcasm for String Orchestra and Percussion* by Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate. This piece is a character sketch of a trickster rabbit in Southeast American Indian legends. Different string and percussion techniques and colors represent the complicated and diabolical personality of this rabbit person. Chokfi’ (choke-FEE) is both a generous invitation into the Chickasaw culture and a fascinating musical experience.

In a dramatic shift to the mid-18th century, soloist Evan Kahn, the distinguished principal cellist of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, will thrill the audience with the classic and joyous Haydn *Concerto in C Major*. Each of the three movements is pure pleasure. There are catchy, rhythmic main themes, flowing second themes, and jaw-dropping virtuosic passages for the solo cello.

The program concludes with American composer Howard Hanson’s *Symphony No. 2 in Db Major*, a piece said to reflect his Scandinavian heritage as well as “the wide, open sound of the American frontier.” Hanson described this piece as “springing from the soil of the American Midwest. It is music of the plains rather than of the city and reflects, I believe, something of the broad prairies of my native Nebraska.”

“I chose this program because I like to expose our audience to the rich diversity of what is called classical music,” said Jacobson. “Just when you think that you know what ‘classical’ repertoire entails, something else comes along and gives you a different perspective.”

Tickets, additional details, and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at EurekaSymphony.org. Call (707) 845-3655 for assistance. Tickets range from \$21-54 depending on the seats, and a 5 percent discount is available for three-concert packages. Two children ages 5-12 can get in free when purchasing one adult ticket.

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FRANCES VANEK AND RLAD performs Thursday, Feb. 20 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. RLAD is a popular local jazz/fusion group that includes Tim Randles on keyboard, Ken Lawrence on bass, Doug Marcum on guitar and Mike LaBolle on drums. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

JEFF LANDEN performs Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local slide guitar virtuoso Jeff Landen shows off his repertoire. The show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

FLEX BURLESQUE: HORS D’OEUVRES takes place Friday, Feb. 21 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Indulge in a feast for the senses as some of our most talented burlesque dancers in Humboldt take the stage. Get ready for a night of seductive moves, glamorous outfits, unforgettable entertainment

and some sweet treats for you to taste. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

ROYAL PROPOLIS performs Friday, Feb. 21 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Arcata-based eclectic jam band with a unique sound featuring Phoenix Halling, Squirrel Squires, Eric Tofla and Josh Foster. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

THE EXPLOITED performs Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. The Exploited are a Scottish punk rock band from Edinburgh, Scotland, formed in 1978 by Stevie Ross and Terry Buchan. The band maintained a large cult following in the 1980s among a hardcore working-class punk and skinhead audience. Originally a street punk band, the Exploited eventually evolved into a crossover thrash band with the release of their album *Death Before Dishonour* in 1987. Also with Total Chaos. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$35 and are available in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

VALERIE: A TRIBUTE TO AMY WINEHOUSE performs Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Humboldt Brew-

ery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Valerie: A Tribute to Amy Winehouse channels Amy’s raw emotional power and style, ensuring that each performance is an experience. Fronted by the talented Elsa Cedeno, a seasoned performer with more than a decade of experience captivating audiences. With a voice that echoes the depth and passion of Amy herself, Elsa leads the audience through the highs and lows of Winehouse’s impressive discography. Also with local eclectic jam band Royal Propolis. Doors open at 8 p.m, show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

YOUNG AND LOVELY performs Saturday, Feb. 22 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Local jazzy and sultry quintet featuring the Penner siblings, Nate Zwerdling on stand-up bass and Mike Labolle on drums. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY performs Saturday, Feb. 22 at Mad River Tap Room at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Foot-stomping, hip-shaking local hippy rock jam music. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 668-4151, madriverbrewing.com

LA NUETRA performs Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Ocean Grove Lounge at 480 Patrick’s Point Drive in Trinidad. Playing Indian and Arabic-inspired music, La Neutra plays reggae/dub and deep meditation dubstep. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5. (707) 677-3238, madriverbrewing.com

JON SPENCER performs Monday, Feb. 24 at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Jon Spencer has been an innovative force in indie music since the mid-80s. An acclaimed live performer, he amassed a dizzying discography as the leader of Pussy Ga-

lore, The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, Heavy Thrash and more. His collaborations include working with Steve Albini, the Beastie Boys and Beck. He’s teamed up with Kendall Wind and Macky Spider Bowman of punk rock wunderkind The Bobby Lees to chew bubblegum and kick ass. Two years after “Spencer Gets It Lit” there is still more work to be done saving rock ‘n’ roll music. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

BEN BAILEY performs Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Comedian Ben Bailey drove the smash hit series “Cash Cab” (still in syndication around the world) for over 550 episodes, earning multiple Daytime Emmy Awards. Prior to becoming “the Cash Cab guy,” he performed at The Comedy Store in L.A., in clubs across New York City and at major comedy festivals around the world. He released “Road Rage and Accidental Ornithology” in 2011; “Ben Bailey: Live and Uncensored” in 2016; and “Ben Bailey: Please Tell Me What I Said” in 2024. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

COMING UP:

- Rose City Band at Richard’s Goat, Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m.
- Rosewater at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m.
- Toubab Crewe at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, March 9, 8:30 p.m.
- The Tiptons at the Arcata Playhouse, Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Bone Thugs-N-Harmony at Blue Lake Casino, Saturday, March 15, 9 p.m.
- Jerry Martien and the Usual Suspects at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.
- Onedia at Richard’s Goat, Wednesday, March 19, 8 p.m.
- Yaima at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Wednesday, March 26, 8 p.m.

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